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SUBJECT: JAPAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS (JNR) TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE TO FRA NORTHEAST CORRIDOR PROJECT

REF: (A) TOKYO 15168, (B) STATE 205170, (C) TOKYO 13586

1. ON SEPT. 5, TATSUYA ISHIHARA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO JNR PRESIDENT, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOJ HAD MADE DECISION TO PROVIDE JNR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AMTRAK AND THAT MOFA WAS PREPARING DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON SUBJECT. HE INDICATED THAT GOJ WOULD ACCEPT DOT'S "VERBAL" REPLY THROUGH EMBASSY TO MOFA AS THE NEXT STEP. PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COST GOJ ABOUT YEN 500 MILLION. ACCORDING TO ISHIHARA, MOT WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT FROM FY 79 (STARTING APRIL) AND THAT JNR WOULD BEAR FINANCIAL BURDEN UNTIL THEN.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE OF APPROVAL:

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICA AT TOKYO DATED MAY 23, INFORMING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JAPAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS (JNR) FOR THE FEDERAL RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION'S NORTHEAST CORRIDOR PROJECT (NECP).

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO INFORM THE

EMBASSY THAT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE JAPANESE SIDE IS PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THE ASSISTANCE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEME.

--1. THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE FOR APPLICATION OF ADVANCED JNR TECHNOLOGY TO NECP. IT WILL BE PROVIDED, FOR THE PRESENT, IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS INDICATED ITS INTEREST, NAMELY, SIGNALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIFICATION, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS INCLUDING ROLLING STOCK MAINTENANCE AND FREIGHT-COMMUTER-INTERCITY TRAIN OPERATION.

--2. THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE STARTED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. DURING THE YEAR, A RESIDENT JNR LIAISON OFFICER ON A FULL-TIME BASIS AND JNR TECHNICAL STAFF ON A SHORT-TERM-BASIS WILL BE DISPATCHED TO THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE TECHNICAL ADVICE. AT THE SAME TIME, ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE U.S. PERSONNEL VISITING JAPAN TO FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH JNR OPERATION IN JAPAN.

--3. MEASURES OF ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1979 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS WILL BE CONSIDERED EVERY YEAR. SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS, THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL FY 1982 WHEN NECP IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED.

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--4. THE COST FOR THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE BORNE BY THE JAPANESE SIDE.

--5. THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY JNR.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO SUGGEST THAT THE EMBASSY CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND JNR TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IN FURTHER DETAIL FOR ITS EARLY IMPLEMENTATION. END TEXT.

3. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ANNOUNCED MOT DECISION TO PROVIDE JNR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FREE OF CHARGE AT SEPT. 4 CABINET MEETING. STORY HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE. MANSFIELD

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